

related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving side;

receiving means at the distribution side for receiving downloading information, sent from the receiving side, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from the distribution side and downloaded at said receiving side, indicating that said receiving side's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving side's payment for said downloading; and

copyright management means at the distribution side for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

10. (THRICE AMENDED) A copyrighted-work distribution apparatus used for a copyrighted-work distribution-and-receiving system in which a distribution side generates copyrighted works and distributes the copyrighted works through a given transmission path, and a receiving side pays a receiving fee for the copyrighted works, comprising:

distribution means at the distribution side for distributing a plurality of copyrighted works through the transmission path;

copyright information storage means at the distribution side for storing copyright information related to the copyrighted works, said copyright information including the identities of the copyrighted works, the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the copyrighted works and data

related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving side;

receiving means at the distribution side for receiving downloading information, sent from the receiving side, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and downloaded at said receiving side, indicating that said receiving side's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving side's payment for said downloading; and

copyright management means at the distribution side for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

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distribution means at the distribution side for distributing a plurality of copyrighted works through the transmission path;

copyright information storage means at the distribution side for storing copyright information related to the copyrighted works, said copyright information including the identities of the copyrighted works, the identities of the owners of the copyrights for the copyrighted works and data related to the costs for downloading the copyrighted works at said receiving side;

a receiving-side apparatus at the receiving side for receiving the copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and for sending downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works distributed from said distribution means and downloaded at said receiving side, indicating that said receiving side's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving side's payment for said downloading;

receiving means at the distribution side for receiving said downloading information from said receiving-side apparatus; and

copyright management means at the distribution side for performing copyright management related to the copyright for each selected copyrighted work in response to said downloading information and based upon said downloading information and the copyright information, said copyright management including calculating a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

28. (TWICE AMENDED) A system for distributing copyrighted works and managing payments owed as a result of the distributing to the owners of the copyrights in the copyrighted works, said system comprising:

a server located at a distribution facility adapted to serve said copyrighted works through a first transmission system to a receiving facility;

a communication interface at said distribution facility adapted to receive through a second transmission system downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works downloaded by said receiving facility, indicating that said receiving facility's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized

and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's payment for said downloading;

a memory associated with said server adapted to store copyright information corresponding to each of said copyrighted works, said information providing the identity of the copyrighted work, the identity of the owner of the copyright for the copyrighted work and data relating to the cost for downloading the copyrighted work by said receiving facility;

a processor associated with said server, in communication with said memory and said communication interface, adapted to calculate, in response to said downloading information and on the basis of said downloading information and said copyright information, a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

40. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for distributing copyrighted works and managing payments owed as a result of the distributing to the owners of the copyrights in the copyrighted works, said method comprising:

serving from a server located at a distribution facility said copyrighted works through a first transmission system to a receiving facility;

receiving at a communication interface at said distribution facility through a second transmission system downloading information, said downloading information identifying selected copyrighted works downloaded by said receiving facility, indicating that said receiving facility's downloading of said selected copyrighted works was authorized and indicating that an accounting has occurred for said receiving facility's payment for said downloading;

storing in a memory associated with said server copyright information corresponding to each of said copyrighted works, said information providing the identity of the

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copyrighted work, the identity of the owner of the copyright for the copyrighted work and data relating to the cost for downloading the copyrighted work by said receiving facility;

calculating with a processor associated with said server, in communication with said memory and said communication interface, in response to said downloading information and on the basis of said downloading information and said copyright information, a copyright payment due each owner of the copyrights for the selected copyrighted works.

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